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Dear Doo,

This ought not to reach you,
and if it does you do not deserve
that you should be written to.
At the latest you ought to be on your
way out in a fortnight or three
weeks from now. In fact I did
not write last week because it
seemed useless. However, you
are not be calculated on, and
it is possible that if you go to
Italy you may be delayed so
long as to receive this. The little
mother is beginning to count the
weeks to your coming. She does
seem to be pining to see you
once more. The last week she
has only been fairly well. It has
been most dismal weather. Not
an honest downpour, no really
generous rain, but leaden
skies & occasional drizzle.

Southwark, weather for a week
Cold, raw, & depressing. I stayed
out at Summerhouse for nearly a
fortnight, and it did me a great
deal of good. Indeed I slept
better than I have done for
months. All this worry about
Cutman's villainies made it
absolutely necessary for me to
get clean away of an evening.
The police caught him at Albany,
and he has been in jail there
for nearly a fortnight, but we
are not going on with it.
Consideration for his poor wife &
his people is one reason, but
the worry & annoyance of a
prosecution neither Holtzner
nor I could stand, & it would
be sure to do our business harm.
These things always do. I hope
we may get out of the ^{trouble} ~~business~~
without much loss. At one time
it looked very serious.

This afternoon I have been holding

forth at the Sunday School.
Charlie Walch had a sort of Junysson
Service. Some of Junysson's Songs,
a recitation of Dora, and I gave
them nearly half an hour on the
Idylls adapted to children.
It was rather difficult to give
'Junysson for Children', but the
result was fairly successful except
that I had to stop half way.
I gave them the story of Gareth &
Lynette adapted. This fetched
even the very little ones who listened
all the time with wide eyes.
But story telling is not my forte.
Like Geo Washington I can't
tell a story. I was amused
to see Ted Giblin fall his family
there.

As you know I have given
up the Bible Class for a season.
Probably for more than that.
It would perhaps be more
correct & candid to say that
my class gave me up. One the
only regular attendant went to

See as an Engineer on the S.S.
'Bellinger' in the West Coast trade.
It came to the occasional appearance
of one or two on a Sunday
Morning, I thought, as the boys
say, that I would give it best.
Things are in a very bad
state all through the Colonies.
There are thousands of men out
of work in Victoria & N.S. Wales.
Indeed those colonies are much
worse than we are. Over speculation
& labour troubles are the cause,
and I fear the last is only beginning.
The fact is that the falling off in
English trade affects us very
much and I fear that falling
off is likely to continue. If the
trouble was only local we should
soon get over it, but as it seems
to be world wide I fear we shall
have a bad time for long. At
times I fear that the whole
business is going to break down
& that we are on the eve of a big
social revolution. I trust I am
wrong, and that the change which
must come will come gradually.

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Have been down to Mr. Giblin's to supper. They read an amusing letter from Edith Hurst, written from the village where he is staying by himself. The boy writes very good letters.

Edith & Ella have been getting up a supposed trip to Chicago, working up all the details, the people who are to go &c. They are almost as much in earnest as if it was a real trip, & Edith's readiness for taking or leaving certain persons are very funny. She seems to have a difficulty in collecting a proper company. I fancy you would have even more difficulty if you had to do it. You would be very eclectic. It was very amusing to hear their discussions.

Farewell, beloved. I hope to see you in another two months. Joy & rapture! Yrs ever B. W. Buttons & Ma Hourish. likewise Sam,

It is now pretty definitely settled that there is not to be a reconstruction of Bartlett's life with C. Young. Mrs. Polk says it is all over.